

Several serious accidents have occurred at the Safedabad-Barabanki Railway crossing and the possibility of accidents is always there. In view of the traffic jam and heavy rush at this Railway crossing, the people of Barabanki have constantly been raising the demand for an overbridge, when Shri Janeshwar Mishra was holding the charge of the Ministry of Railways, he had promised to get it constructed. We made a request to the present Minister of Railways in this regard. He says that if the Government of Uttar Pradesh contributes 50 percent of the total cost of the overbridge, he would get it constructed as soon as possible.

Sir, as you are aware that Uttar Pradesh is under the President Rule. Hence if Hon'ble Minister so wishes, he can get a report regarding the overbridge at Safedabad crossing in Barabanki and can also issue orders to start the work immediately. This is the major problem being faced in District Barabanki. Hon'ble Minister is present here and if he so wishes, this problem can be solved. Hence, through you, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways that he should give the orders to start the construction of overbridge at Safedabad Railway crossing in the District Barabanki without further delay. I also request him to kindly make an announcement to this effect in the House.

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR (Khargone) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the news published in yesterday's newspapers that the Government has decided to discontinue the circulation of currency notes of one, two and five rupees denomination and the notes would not be printed in future. If it is true, it would not be printed in future. If it is true, it would be very wrong to do so because the condition of currency notes of Rs. one, Rs. two and Rs. five denomination is deplorable. The notes available are soiled and torn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the currency notes are indicators of economic situation, stability and dignity of the Government of that particular country. The currency notes of our country are soiled and torn which evoke a pitiable reaction. Sir, the traders and shopkeepers are looting the villagers on this pretext. Hence I demand that the circulation of such notes should not be discontinued; rather their number should be increased and these notes should be printed in larger numbers.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir at present, coins of Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 denomination are in circulation in the market but the actual position is that, a two rupee coin looks like a one rupee coin and a five rupee coin looks like a fifty paise coin. Due to this confusion, the villagers are being looted by the shopkeepers. Besides, a large number of notes can be kept easily, however, it is not possible to carry a large number of coins in one's purse. Otherwise also, the notes have their own importance. Hence, I urge upon the Government that the printing of currency notes of Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 denomination should not be discontinued, rather they should be printed in large numbers.

[English]

SHRI SAT MAHAJAN (Kangra) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am raising a very very serious matter before you. There is great anger, anguish and resentment in Himachal Pradesh. While all the other States have been given economic package, people of Himachal Pradesh have been denied an economic package.

[Translation]

Are we being punished because of our decorum and decency?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this Government had constituted a committee. The Ninth Finance Commission did injustice to us when it removed the name of the State from the list of Special Category States. Thereafter a Rangrajan Committee was constituted which recommended that non-plan allocation should be curtailed. We made a request for permission to impose generation tax on electricity but we were not granted the permission. Our consent is not being sought. Royalty is given for Chamera and Barasyl Hydel Projects but we are not getting any money. We have deficit of Rs.1200 crore. Ever since reorganisation of the States, we are getting 2 percent whereas we are entitled to receive 7.50 percent. Injustice has been done to us. Himachal Pradesh Assembly, cutting across the party line, has unanimously passed a Resolution on 2nd of this month.

[English]

The Central Government must come forward with a package. We are losing our patience and I warn the Central Government not to put the hills on fire.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Hon'ble Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards Uttar Pradesh. There are 66 districts in Uttar Pradesh and Hon'ble Members from all these districts, whether they belong to Ruling Party or the Opposition Party, would agree that there is a serious power crisis in the State. The supply of electricity being unsatisfactory in all the districts, the Power and Water Crisis has taken a serious turn. As you know that electricity plays a very important role in our daily affairs Uttar Pradesh is presently under the President rule, hence the Central Government can directly intervene in this matter. Hence, I make a request that the present Government should give instructions to the administrative authorities to ensure power supply in these 66 districts without further delay. Power is not being supplied in even 40 districts out of these 66 districts because of which the lands of farmers are unirrigated and their crops are getting destroyed.

At the same time, I would like to submit, through you, that there is a severe power crisis in Agra and Ferozabad. The Government of India should ask the